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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7907

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TAGS: SWEL, HA

SUBJECT: ANTHRAX

REF: STATE 79984

1. IN CONNECTION WITH USPHS ORDER PROHIBITING IMPORT OF HAITIAN ARTICLES MADE OF RAW GOATSKIN, HAITIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED TO EMBOFFS INFORMALLY THEIR SERIOUS CONCERN OVER FACT THAT U.S. ISSUED ORDER WITHOUT CONSULTING GOH OR WITHOUT NOTIFYING GOH IN ADVANCE OF THE PLANNED ACTION. GOH MINISTERS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR FEARS THAT THE LANGUAGE OF USPHS MEMORANDUM AND THE TONE OF SUBSEQUENT PUBLICITY MAY HAVE SERIOUS EFFECT ON BOTH TOURISM AND ON SALES OF OTHER HANDICRAFTS, SUCH AS WOODEN CARVINGS, ETC.

2. EMBASSY THINKS IT LIKELY THAT GOH MAY MAKE OFFICIAL APPROACH ALONG THESE LINES IN NEAR FUTURE. IF SO, WE PLAN TO TELL THE HAITIANS THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSULT OR NOTIFY IN ADVANCE BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE IMMINENT DANGER TO THE HEALTH OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO REASSURE THE GOH WITH RESPECT TO THEIR FEARS THAT TOURISM MAY DECLINE. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE COULD INFORM THE GOH THAT THE U.S. CENTER FOR

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DISEASE CONTROL HAS REVISED THE WARNING STATEMENT WHICH IS GIVEN

TO TOURISTS. WE SUGGEST SOMETHING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE
ARTICLES MADE OF RAW GOATSKINS, SUCH AS RUGS AND DRUMS, MAY BE
INFECTED WITH THE GERM THAT CAUSES THE SERIOUS DISEASE OF ANTHRAX.
YOU ARE CAUTIONED AGAINST PURCHASING SUCH ARTICLES WHILE IN HAITI,
SINCE YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BRING THEM INTO THE UNITED
STATES. HOWEVER, YOU WILL ENCOUNTER NO DIFFICULTY WITH CLOTHING
OR WITH OTHER HANDICRAFT ITEMS SUCH AS THOSE MADE OF STRAW OR OF
WOOD. UNQUOTE

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
CONSULTING WITH DAVID SENCER, ASSISTANT SURGEON GENERAL AND DIRECTOR
CDC ATLANTA, TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF PROPOSED ACTION.
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